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SUBJECT: VISIT TO ICCS XUAN LOC AND ICCS SITE AN LOC

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. ON MARCH 6 EMBOFF ACCOMPANIED COMUSMACV ICCS LIASION SPECIAL ASSISTANT (BGEN. FAIRFIELD) ON TOUR OF ICCS SUB- REGIONAL SITES AT AN LOC AND XUAN LOC.

2. ICCS HAS NOT YET DEPLOYED TO AN LOC. ONE CANDEL MEMBER (COLONEL MARSH) MADE RECCE OF AREA SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. UNDER ENERGETIC DIRECTION OF PA & E REPRESENTATIVE, ICCS/ FPJMC " TENT CITY" BEING ERECTED SOUTH OF TOWN AND READY FOR OCCUPANCY AS OF MARCH 9. SITE FACILITIES ARE PRIMITIVE BUT APPEAR FULLY ADEQUATE TO SUPPORT OPERATIONAL NEEDS OF ICCS/ FPJMC. USING AIR DROP SUPPLIES AND HAND LABOR, THE FACILITES ARE THE BEST THAT CAN BE PROVIDED. THE ARVN CO AT AN LOC HAS SUCCEDED IN SET- TING UP PROFESSIONAL LOOKING MILITARY HEADQUARTERS AREA BUT THE TOWN

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ITSELF REMAINS A SHAMBLES, A TRAGIC SHOWPIECE OF INVASION AND FURY OF BATTLE. BURNT- OUT SOVIET TANKS AND OTHER DAMAGED EQUIPMENT AMPLY ILLUSTRATE THE LOGISTICS BASE OF THE ATTACKERS. THE SITE SHOULD BE A REAL EYE- OPENER FOR THE CHIP DELS, PARTICULARLY THE POLES AND HUNGARINS WHO ARE MORE ACCUSTOMED TO SEEING T-54 'S IN OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. ICCS TEAM IN XUAN LOC IS COMFORTABLY LOCATED IN FORMER CORDS COMPOUND AND HAS NO SERIOUS COMPLAINTS. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, ICCS IN XUAN LOC HAVE DEVOTED ITS FIRST EFFORTS TO FAMILIARIZING ITSELF WITH ITS AREA OF JURISDICTION AND ORGANIZING SPORTS PROGRAM. CHIP REPS DID EXPRESS CONCERN OVER GVN CUT-OFF OF THE PHONE LINKS BETWEEN XUAN LOC AND SAIGON. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS PROBLEM HAS SINCE BEEN RESOLVED AND THE PHONE LINKS BETWEEN SAIGON AND AN LOC ARE OPEN.
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